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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 5–7, 9–11, 16, 17, and 19 have been amended, Claims 1–4, 12–15, and 21–27 have been canceled, and new Claims 28–37 have been added. Claims 5–11, 16–20, and 28–37 remain in the application. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1–4, 7–15, 17–22, and 24–27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Engelland *et al.* (2004/0221555 A1). To the extent that the Examiner's rejection can be understood, it is believed moot in view of the foregoing amendments to the claims.

The Examiner states that Engelland teaches an air circulation system comprising a notch, and he points to elements 67, 68, 69, 120, and 121 in FIGS. 6 and 7 and to paragraphs 0061–0063 and 0072–0074 in support of this contention. However, the elements identified by the Examiner as notches are actually projections (see, e.g., paragraph 0061, lines 3–5). These “L-shaped” projections (paragraph 0063, line 4) cannot be interpreted as “notches,” as proposed by the Examiner. To avoid any uncertainty as to the meaning of the term “notches,” the claims as amended employ the term “slots” instead.

Claims 28 and 30 and all claims dependent from these two claims all recite that the guide projects from the first structural member and is angled generally downward and toward the second structural member. The slot is formed in the first side of the filter housing and extends generally inward and downward. When the slot and guide engage, a portion of the weight of the filter housing bears against the guide, which in turn biases the filter housing toward the second structural member.

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Claim 29 and all claims dependent therefrom recite a filter having a slot formed in a first side of a filter housing that engages a guide projecting from a first structural member. A portion of the weight of the filter housing bears against the guide, and a support surface located on the second structural member contacts a load-bearing surface formed on a second side of the filter housing.

Engelland does not teach a filter housing having a slot in a first side and a guide extending from a first structural member and angled generally downward and toward a second spaced-apart structural member for engaging the slot in the filter housing. Furthermore, Engelland does not teach or suggest an arrangement by which a portion of said weight of a filter housing bearing on an angled guide causes a second side of said filter housing to be biased against said a structural member.

A request for a two-month extension of time for filing a response, together with the fee required by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(2), is enclosed. The time for filing a response is thereby extended to February 25, 2006.

The foregoing is believed fully responsive to the Office Action dated September 25, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance issue in this case.

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